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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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POPULATION CONTOL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the economic development of the country is not in proportion to the growth of population in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to effectively implement the Population Control programme and make them more effective?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) It is admitted that increasing population does impact economic development of the country and is a challenge before the country.

(b) Government has taken various steps to effectively implement the population stabilization programmes. These include adoption of National Population Policy (NPP) 2000, constitution of the National Commission on Population, establishment of the Janasankha Sthirata Kosh and constitution of an Empowered Action Group (EAG) for focused attention on demographically weaker States.

The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme launched by Government in 1997 for provision of reproductive, maternal, child health and contraceptive services to the people has reached in its 2nd Phase with more comprehensive and integrated approach.

The Government has recently launched the National Rural Health Mission to provide comprehensive integrated primary healthcare services throughout the country with special emphasis on 18 States i.e. Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Meghalaya, Tripura, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttaranchal, U.P. Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.